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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-4 and amend claims 1 and 5-7 to read as follows:

(Once Amended) A thumb splint comprising:

a thumb stabilizing component for securing the thumb of the user to the adjacent index finger permitting the thumb to move toward the index finger but limiting